SPACE WRITE NOW!

"...Write a letter, or make a phone call. There is always a way to communicate! The antithesis of apathy is energy...energy is created by a motivational force...and we have the potential to be that force!"
--Jan Stubbs

Dear Friends,

Please read this carefully; it is of the highest importance.

You understand what the exploration of space means. It's more than an exciting, beautiful, mind- and spirit-expanding adventure, though surely that would be more than enough. In the not-so-long run, industrial civilization must either move into space or perish. You understand, too, how the once mighty American space program is faltering, while the Soviets continue theirs for primarily military reasons.

WE NEED NOT SIT STILL FOR THIS.

On January 20, 1981 a new President will take office. Whether or not you voted for him, he will be your President as much as anyone else's; he is an intelligent man of basic good will; he, and all of us, will be much in need of a cause behind which we can rally, a cause great enough to outlive many Presidential terms. What greater and more benign than a revitalized space program?

WRITE NOW! urges you to write now - a short, respectful letter to President Ronald Reagan, Washington, D.C. 20500, asking him to call for a strong and permanent new American committment to space. If he receives thousands of such individual messages within his first two months, they will not be ignored. They might make all the difference.

Please act. It only costs a few minutes and a postage stamp. The future you may help save is your own, and humanity's.

--- Poul Anderson

The success of a letter campaign depends on the cascade effect. Write your own letter & mail it now, of course; & it wouldn't hurt to write another, to be clipped to the February page of your calendar. What you can do next depends on your imagination & energy. You could Xerox this whole appeal & send it to every publication you receive, including the shopping news. You could make up postcard-size appeals for the bulletin board -- grocery store, school, office -- you name it. If each of you who receive this can convince even two other people to write letters, & those two each convince two -- well, this mailing is going to 16,000 people; if the doubling process goes ten times in as many weeks, to 1,024 for each recipient, that means over sixteen million letters to the White House by the beginning of March. Even a tenth of that number would make it very clear to the new administration that we as individuals want funding for the space program to be given the highest priority. The accompanying material will give you some idea of what space has to offer earthlings.

Dr. Bruce Murray generously allowed a number of hardy enthusiasts to witness the recent Mariner-Saturn flyby at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on the same footing as the regular press. In the Press Center, & in the cafeteria, there are dozens of monitor screens showing the Voyager pictures as they were received through the Deep Space Network. Most of those pictures will be stored in a computer memory bank & will never be seen again. But we at the Press Center did see them. We were awed & wonderstruck by the ever more complex, ever more fantastic details of the Saturnian system.

And we were saddened, at the end of the televised press conference, to hear Dr. Murray plead for public support for space research of all kinds; ending with "Keep those cards & letters coming."

And we looked at each other.

"We will," we said.

---KAREN ANDERSON

"Where the hell have you been? For 3 years the Senator has supported this thing & yet nobody thinks it important enough until now to come & talk to us about it. Why should we care if you people don't?"

--Aide to unnamed Senator

SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

For one thing we can organize at least as well as the opposition. Science fiction readers may have mixed emotions about "ecology" movements, consumerism, Zero-grpwth & the like, but I think we have not lost our sense of wonder, nor abandoned our hopes. We have not given up the vision of man's vast future among the stars.,,

Unfortunately, we have no voice, or rather, we have a myriad of voices, none of them very effective.

--Jerry Pournelle,
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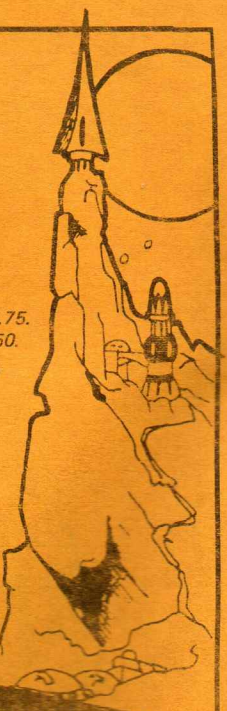

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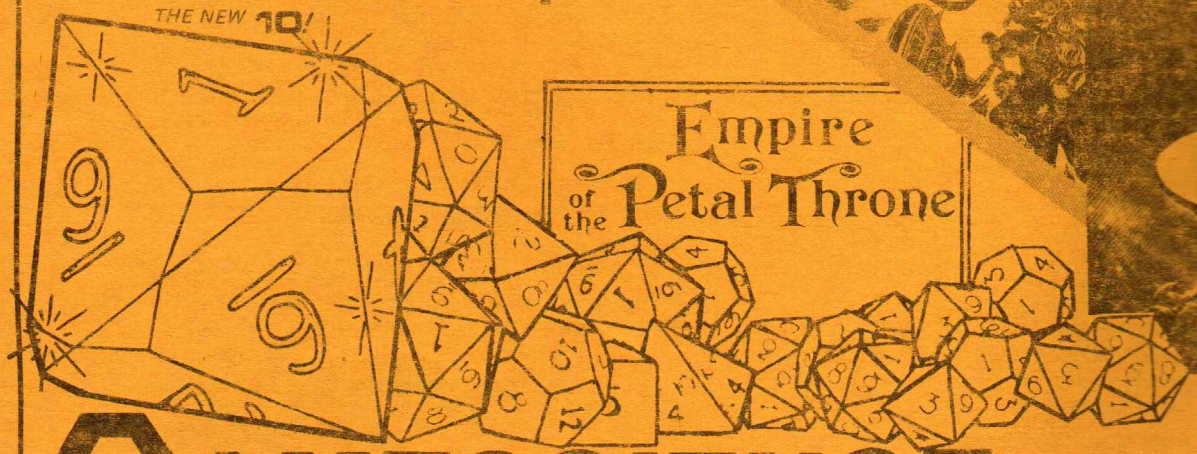

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It's time again to dust off the typewriter & get busy with a letter-writing campaign: and the stakes are higher than they've EVER been! In fact, I've been told that it's possible the future of the space program is in the hands of science fiction fans....

We wrote over 1 million letters to NBC to save a TV series; we wrote 500,000 letters to President Ford to get the first shuttle named "Enterprise"; surely we can become motivated to write even more letters to keep our space program in the U.S. budget?

Because that's what it's down to: by the end of February, 1981 (hey, that's next month!) many of the key decisions on budgeting for the next year will be made; by the end of March, it will be firm. In this publication, you will find many convincing arguments in favor of getting off your collective fat apathy & writing (or wiring or phoning) the President, your own Congressmen & some VERY important Congressional decision-makers. If you don't help, you'll be part of the masses of stupids who, cow-like, chew their cuds & bitch about conditions, while the butcher rounds them up. It's going to cost a few stamps, pieces of paper & a very small amount of time to help save the future of the space program: is it worth it to you?

"We need to organize, to develop & sustain our lobbying & political action groups if we hope to affect policy making & the political process. We must commit ourselves to give our time, effort & money for what may be years. Nothing less will do if this country is once again to lead in opening the space frontier for mankind."

--David C. Webb, SPACE: ELECTION TIME
from OMNI Magazine, Nov. 1980

In this publication you will also find several reasons WHY everyone should support the space program for you to use when talking to others. Many of you already KNOW why, but for those who need that extra backing, I've helped save research time by supplying some for those times when you've managed to get on a local talk show or get an interview with your paper or get asked to discuss this whole effort at some club meeting. You can handle these events prepared for hostile, anti-space questions.

Every person reading this is asked to write a letter to the President (& to the Congressmen listed in this publication). Our big push is to have as many letters as possible on President Reagan's desk on or by March 1, 1981. *THAT* should get his attention!

Don't stop there: now contact 10 more people & ask them to write a letter, too. And ask them to ask 10 *MORE* people, and those 10 should ask 10 *MORE*...if you believe in THE FORCE, you'll see it in action here!

For those too young to have been a part of the earlier letter-writing campaigns, they were only the warm-ups for this, the big time! You are not too young, WHATEVER YOUR AGE, to become a part of THE FORCE that makes our future more secure!

"What do we get out of space exploration? Man has to have frontiers; it's part of his psyche. We were promised once the space program was 'over'--when man was on the Moon -- all that money would go into wonderful urban projects. It never happened & it never will!"

--Gil "Buck Rogers" Girard

Where do you find 10 people outside fandom to tell about our failing space program & get help? Try social clubs, businesses, professional contacts (your dentist, doctor, lawyer, etc), sewing circles, civic organizations, churches, classmates, pen-pals, Scouts, neighborhood groups, aspiring local politicians (see how effective he or she can be!), interested bystaners or anyone else you happen to meet.

Put up announcements of this campaign on grocery or laundromat or company bulletin boards, on school or library bulletin boards WHEN YOU GET PERMISSION, & place articles in your newspapers. Any size news will do: throwaways get read; school, church or business newsletters are always hungry for NEWS & you (yes, YOU) are news by helping with a nation-wide campaign!

"[concerning the write-in]...we have to deal with political realities, but at least with Reagan it's a winnable game, IF we can convince the politicians it's worth it!"

--- overheard during Saturn Encounter

The announcement doesn't have to be fancy. A 3 x 5" card with SAVE THE SPACE PROGRAM: for more information, contact (your address or the WRITE NOW address). But do it & do it NOW. Not tomorrow or next week or maybe when you get around to it....the deadline for making an impact on the White House is coming up fast: MARCH 1, 1981!

You can also help out by joining one (or more) of the many organizations whose entire push is space advocacy, such as the L-5 Society. Or you can even become part of the private enterprise trying to get into space by supporting the World Space Foundation or other such projects. If you have no money for memverships, become a volunteer in the L-5 Telephone Tree (membership not necessary) or contact a group which interests you & volunteer to help somehow (several of them will exchange memberships for special work: ASK!)

We'd like to reach activist groups who need a focus for their energies; young political action students & groups; high-scholarship organizations -- so if you can help us contact anyone else, let us know. Don't assume we already know. We might already have those addresses, but we'd rather have duplicates to sort out than miss hitting some ACTIVE group with this vital information!

The November 1980 issue of FUTURE LIFE & the September 1980 issue of STAR & SKY magazines contain lists of all the known space enthusiast organizations. Look them up & support as many as you can! Being part of a group can often add extra 'heft' to SPEAKING OUT!

Editors picking up this publication are free to utilize all information herein (please credit the books & magazines where listed) & to quote as needed to get the point across the EVERYONE has to WRITE NOW to make our space program fly! This is beyond all us "crazy Buck Rogers" fans; the entire American public which thrilled to hearing "The Eagle has landed!" has to be told how close we are to losing our future while we all sit back on our complacency!

Now is your chance, as I said recently in my STARLOG column, to work on something to tell the next generation, "Oh yeah, I was part of the campaign which got Congress to totally refinance the space program. So we've got a man walking on Ganymede now, & a Lunar colony building new SPSs, & Voyager 28 just discovered....and it was ALL BECAUSE OF ME!"

And if that concept doesn't excite you, folks, what have you been doing, reading this far?

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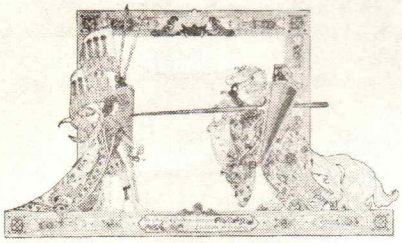

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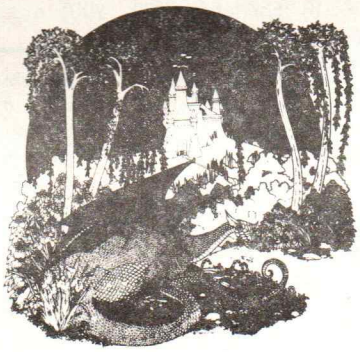

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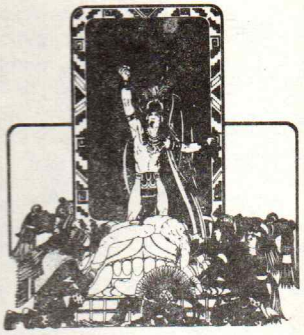

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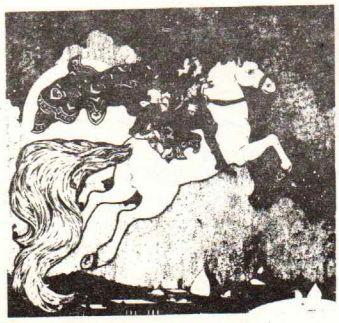

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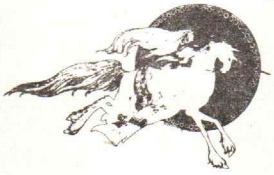

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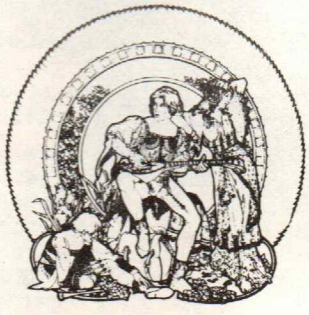

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--Much of the material presented in this article will be published in Dr. Jerry Pournelle's ANALOG SCIENCE FACT & FICTION MAGAZINE column soon; look it up for more detailed explanations of some of his main points. Our thanks to Jerry for being a good friend to us as well as to the space effort & for all his help here.

One of America's finest hours was the day of the Moon Landing, July 20, 1969; many people think it was the last time America felt really proud of itself, when they heard: "Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

And yet, according to Jerry Pournelle, NASA's most remarkable achievement may have been to make mankind's greatest deed look dull! He says, "It is fashionable in anti-technology circles to denigrate the benefits of the space program. 'Teflon frying pans,' the scoffers say; but we got computers, fire-fighting methods, medical instruments, communications systems, techniques for fabricating large glass fibre structures, automated quality control procedures & a host of other things now taken for granted."

He feels the most important space age spinoff was the many young men & women who are into science & engineering. "Good high technology research does not cost money," he states, "You always get your money back." As an Engineer, Pournelle deplores the "Only One Earth" thinking where humanity is in danger of losing everything if a catastrophe occurs to this planet. He feels we must face the time when our non-renewable resources are gone; "History will bless the men & nation who took the first steps to give humanity a home other than 'Only One Earth.' "

So what should be our goals?

SPEAK OUT

Jerry Pournelle feels that the Halley's Comet Intercept Mission would be worthwhile even if it's pure science with no commercial payoff. He thinks the stimulus & excitement of the comet would pay off in morale-boosting for science teams, as well as entertainment value for the public. After all, as he points out, it would be stupid NOT to take the option; we can always cancel it, but if we don't take that option NOW it will be far too late in a very short time from now, to do anything at all.

So one item you could support would be the FY82 budget. Halley's Comet waits for no man!

Aha! Someone in the back of the room muttered about "entertainment" value? Well, one-third of the projected benefits of Grand Coulee Dam were "recreational." Halley's Comet will cost per capita less than another visit to THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK.

A Lunar Colony would be a good thing to support; it would use up the research & development already in action for Apollo. The public appeal of settling a new frontier would be hard to beat, as Jerry points out. He also supports the L-5 Society in their belief that man can colonize space.

"We should be reluctant to turn back upon the frontier of this epoch. Space is indifferent to what we do...But we cannot be indifferent to space, because the grand slow march of intelligence has brought us... to a point from which we can explore & understand & utilize it. To turn back now would be to deny our history, our capabilities." ---James A. Michener

All through this publication, you will find good evidence that space industries can be very profitable. Jerry feels that bringing private enterprise into space is only part of the reason for establishing an industrial park in space. "Building a space industrial facility gives us experience in large orbital construction techniques. These skills are vital for both military & civilian space activities." Actually as Jerry admits, several large aerospace companies have already designed an industrial facility, which is currently known as "Space Operations Facility." Now, that is a name which will barely move the public to any great interest. Some of us at the Saturn Encounter were discussing this & somehow a new name came up: STARBASE ONE.

I don't know how the aerospace people are going to take having science fiction people re-name another of their projects! However, STARBASE ONE has a sort of romantic ring to it; something you'd expect from "Star Wars" or "Star Trek" & we know the public will react to that inspiration!

It won't be easy. Anyone who knows what they are doing in the aerospace end of the project knows that (given an operational shuttle) we could have the beginnings of STARBASE ONE in 3 to 4 years. With the standard administrative & decision-making delays in NASA, add 3 more years to that. "Given intelligent management," claims Pournelle, "there is no reason why Starbase One could not be sufficiently complete, with a crew aboard, by Summer of 1984; & this can be accomplished without wasteful crash programs."

"Starbase One could provide support for civilian industries in space," adds Jerry, "but it is also a logical step toward construction of Lunar colonies." Consider that the Soviets will almost certainly have a space facility operating by 1986; STARBASE ONE is a chance to counter the inevitable Soviet claim to

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mastery of space, advises Pournelle: "Although one probably should not plan space missions solely to 'beat the Russians' the psychological effects on our diplomacy cannot be ignored. Starbase One is, of course, an Earth-observation facility which passes over the Soviet Union every two hours. The Soviet trawler fleet provides intelligence agencies with information while it makes money from its fishing activities. Starbase One could also aid intelligence while making profits. Why should the Russians have all the fun?"

Ask your Senator & Representative & President to support STARBASE ONE in the upcoming budget!

"A realizable space time-table would help in focusing public attention on the space program. We do not have one which arouses any great interest. For example, no date has yet been projected for a permanent manned space station....we do not look upon the space program as representing national strength in the same way the Soviets do."

---Roger Zelazny, author

The Solar Power Satellite (SPS) system is still considered "far out" technology, as Jerry freely admits, but he points out that allotting $50 million a year for an SPS option could, as with the Halley's Comet option, be dropped at any time. We can't start later if we want SPS any time in the near future; we must start the budgeting NOW. "SPS can produce the electricity needed to run the country; it may even be the cheapest way," says Jerry, "Crash funding is not only wasteful, but also detrimental. If we do not buy SPS, the $50 million a year spent will not all be wasted, since much will go for research. It will prove to have been cheap insurance."

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He points out the interconnecting of SPS which requires capability for construction of devices in orbit, while Starbase One develops that capability. Especially if we follow the plans proposed by Dr. David Criswell in building SPS with the space shuttle instead of the huge investment of a Heavy Launch Vehicle Fleet; he thinks we should build SPS from Lunar materials. "Note that Starbase One is a highly desireable step toward building SPS on the Criswell plan,' says Pournelle, "Opening a $50 million program office for SPS will let us examine the HVL (proposed by NASA) & and Moon-first methods of building SPS."

Dr. Jerry Pournelle was a member of the Pajaro Dunes Mission Planning Study Group, funded through the University of Santa Clara, Calif. The university also provided the support services, involving eager young people in the study while keeping bureaucratic interference low. This group was formed to study advisory reports on new developments in technology & science. (not, as one might suppose from the title, to study sand-dunes: that was the name of the area where the meetings took place.) Pournelle feels this study group should be continued with periodic meetings of engineers, scientists, science writers & even science fiction dreamers--none of whom have an interest in obtaining NASA jobs--to meet semi-annually with the NASA administrator & with the President. "If nothing else," Jerry comments, "It could be stimulating."

Echoing Robert Heinlein's famous TANSTAAFL (pronounced "TAN-staffel" & meaning "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch"), Jerry says, "Nothing is cheap but our only chance to improve productivity is to invest in new technology. We need a focus, a cutting edge to attract bright new people. Space serves that role admirably."

So if we're all so enthusuastic about the space program, where would we cut the budget, if anywhere?

One thing Pournelle feels could be cut is the $100 million Vandenberg Shuttle Launch Facility, which may not be at all necessary. Think what else could be done with $100 million!

The space shuttle program is taking most of NASA's time & money; the shuttle is now almost as large as NASA itself! Yet we can't simply drop it. As Jerry says, "It's the only game in town & certainly the only manned ship likely to be available for some years."

What?? Turning against our space shuttle? No, but we must use the shuttle carefully, too. When thousands of people turn out to see a shuttle rolled out, take off or land, they aren't going to like having it killed. As an answer, Jerry suggests we use the shuttle for something it can do: build the Space Operations Facility: STARBASE ONE!

So get those cards & letters going! But remember that President Reagan is not against the space effort; in fact, just the opposite. But the problem is the budget people: we've got to save money on something, somewhere! "The people in Washington are telling one another there is no space constituency," says Jerry, "so it's considered safe to kill the space program. It's up to us to PROVE there is a constituency for space!"

--Bjo Trimble

"It's a possible future, isn't it? If not, don't tell me; because I want to believe there is a chance; that I may live to see that world I describe in my lectures; that before I die I can say 'My generation gave mankind the planets & the stars; AND I WAS A PART OF IT.' "

--Jerry Pournelle,
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"Unfortunately...this increase in numbers [of active space supporters & groups] has done little to ameliorate a growing sense of frustration among space supporters who feel, as yet another election has come & gone, that our plea for the space program goes unheeded. ... After years of carrying our well-documented arguments for space into countless school auditoriums, corporate board rooms, & pale green government offices, & after innumerable talks with the media, society still relegates the space program to the remotest corner of its technocratic mind. ...

"That space advocates have only themselves to blame for failing to attract greater support for their cause is self-evident. But sometimes I can't help thinking whether the story about our potential in space ... may not be fundamentally out of synch with the cynicism & general malaise infecting society...

"But such fatalism does not sit well with those of us who believe that the future is precisely what we make of it. ... Beyond our struggle for more funds & long range objectives,...we must seek ways to communicate to our fellow citizens (especially the youth) that the action & passion of the future lies with space."

--quoted from an article, "Space Age Frustration" by Courtney A. Stadd, published in INSIGHT, The Nat'l Space Institute publication, Oct-Nov, 1980

"The [Space] program is facing the longest gap in new data in its twenty-year history."

---Paul Anderson, NASA

THE THIRD ANNUAL

SCIENCE FICTION WEEKEND

HACIENDA HOTEL, 525 N. Sepulveda, El Segundo (Near Imperial & LAX)

MARCH 6-7-8

GUESTS

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Bob Burns will be back with his delightful satire "Major Mars " and with filmed extracts from his famous Halloween extravaganzas. In addition Bob will present a program on his experiences as "special effects man" during the filming of "Invasion of the Saucer Men." On display will be some of his fabulous collection of movie props.

We plan a discussion program on several science fiction stories such as Tim Powers' very unusual fantasy the "Drawing of the Dark," and some of the works of Gregory Benford, Stephen Goldin and Kathleen Sky. There will also be surprise programs and panels.

FILMS

Invasion of the Saucer Men, The Thing, Hideous Sun Demons, Target Earth, Journey to the 7th Planet, The Blob, are just afew of the films to be shown plus Superman & Twilight Zone tv episodes.

COSTUME CONTEST

Saturday evening, March 7. You may pick up entry forms at the convention anytime before 5 p.m. March 7th. You are invited to attend in costume whether or not you enter the contest.

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L5 Society

Phone Tree Helps Save Space Telescope and Galileo Project

"Like it or not, space policy is made on the floor of Congress, & if we want something to happen, we have to go there too & fight for it." ---L-5 Society

"We have learned that our collective voice can make an impact on Congress & the Administration. ... Washington decision-makers do not appear to believe that there is a pro-space constituency in the United States because until now no coordinated voice existed to bring this message to our government. ... It is up to us to take the initiative."

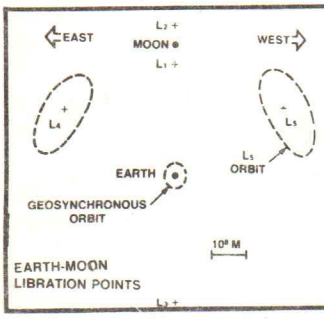
---Gerald Driggers,
President, L5 Society

"As usual, the administration & Congress feel that no one will complain if NASA's budget is cut a little more -- especially in these times of double digit inflation. So much has been cut over the last several years, however, that any more cuts will leave us with no space program at all. ...

We MUST take action now! We must make our voices heard in Washington. Each letter to your Congressman or Senator represents 1,000 constituents -- a voice that cannot be ignored. ...

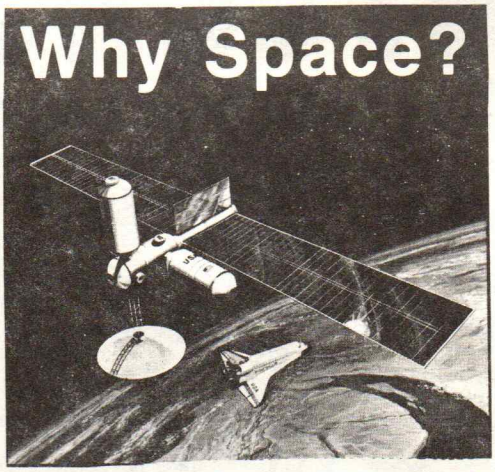
If the space program dies, we won't be able to blame President Carter, Senator Proxmire or any other elected official. WE WILL HAVE ONLY OURSELVES TO BLAME. Personally, that is not something I want to live with."

---HOWARD GLUCKMAN, OASIS President
from "Endangered Species" article
in OASIS NEWS (Mar.-Apr. 1980)



The L-5 Society was formed in September 1975 with the purpose of promoting space development in governmental, industrial and private sectors. L-5 is the abbreviation for the Lagrange libration point number five (see diagram to the left), a proposed site for the final meeting of the L-5 Society before the turn of the century.

Why Space?



There is a space vehicle in orbit today that appears to meet all requirements for being considered the first true space station....It is known as Salyut 6. (L5 NEWS, April 1980)

"This is the time to act to shape the space program for the next decade. By working together, by asking friends & relatives to write & by ceasing to be a 'silent' space constituency, our efforts can make a difference. Help create the future. Please write, now."

---Mark M. Hopkins, Chairman, L-5
Legislative Action Committee

---David Brandt-Erichsen, Nat'l
Coordinator, L-5 Phone Tree

The L-5 Society has a nation-wide space lobby telephone tree which is used to notify people when critical votes come up in Congress which affect the space program. Over a single weekend last August, the phone tree produced a reported 500 telegrams to the Senate Budget Committee to help avert a threatened $300 million cut in NASA's budget. This action saved the Space Telescope & Galileo Jupiter Orbiter missions.

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The Space Activist Phone Tree

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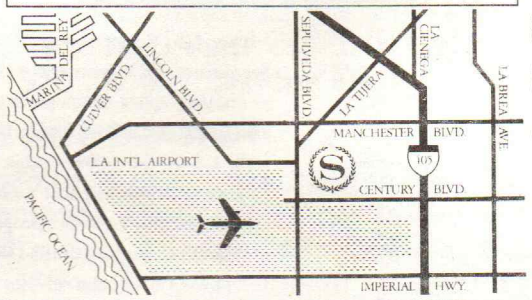

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LETTER-WRITING TIPS

1. Type or write legibly.
2. Use business-sized (#10) envelopes if possible.
3. Use white typing paper, not cute colored paper. (Somehow, a message loses its serious impact when written in purple ink on shocking pink paper.)
4. Be brief: one page is best. One paragraph is fine.
5. BE POLITE! Snotty letters get thrown away or -- even worse -- get used as "examples" to newsmen!
6. Avoid form letters; be yourself.
7. Keep to the subject & don't ask for a reply.
8. Use a letterhead (but only if you have a legitimate claim to one)
9. NO CARBONS to President Reagan or the key Congressmen listed here; carbons may be sent to your own Congressmen to show them you have an opinion they should listen to if they want reelection!

Use a petition ONLY if people won't bother to write their own letters: a letter is better!

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WESTERN UNION has a special PERSONAL OPINION MESSAGE of 20 words (only) on any political issue for $3.50. This can be billed to your telephone. Call your local WESTERN UNION for details on how to do this in your area. You can send a PERSONAL OPINION MESSAGE to all five Congressmen listed in this newsletter plus Pres. Reagan for $21.00 -- about the price of a movie for the whole family!

TELEPHONE TIPS

WHEN CALLING WASHINGTON D.C.:

1. You don't have to live in their district to call any government representative on a committee, but if you do live in their voting area, SAY SO.

2. Long-distance calls often get priority, so say where you're calling from.

3. Be brief & to the point. The answerer only records opinions & cannot get involved in discussion.

4. Don't give your age; they discount anyone under 18 (which is really stupid!)

5. Don't ask to talk to the Senator or Representative personally; it's wasting your telephone time.

6. Don't argue or be rude.

7. Call as a private citizen, not as a member of any group, so the call cannot be discounted as a push by one organization.

8. Now call your own Senator & Congressman to say you want them to call for space support, too!

THE COST OF FOUR PHONE CALLS TO WASHINGTON D.C. IS ABOUT THAT OF ONE MOVIE for anyone in the continental U.S. Is one more screening of "STAR WARS" worth it to assure a real space future? Use THE FORCE!

The November, 1980 issue of OMNI Magazine contains an article on Space & Election Time by David C. Webb in which he lists all the voting done on various budgets & bills for NASA. Check up on your Congressman!

The Chairman of the House Subcommittee on HUD & Independent Agencies, REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD P. BOLAND, is no friend to space supporters. He tries to kill all space programs & needs to be told by many, many Americans to LAY OFF! It is a matter of record that he did back off when he got 500 letters that were for the Galileo program, so he can be influenced by us!

All you Massachusetts fans, get hustling, because you can hit him in his home office as well! You have the voting heft to call this man & inquire (sweetly, of course) if he'd ever like to get reelected! Don't let our future down!

SENATOR HARRISON SCHMITT has a fine reputation on space programs & funding for same; call his office to offer all the support this man needs. Ask for copies of his bill that could fund space efforts for several years instead of this wearisome annual begging! Give people like this all the encouragement they need.

Word is that Florida's REPRESENTATIVE DON FUQUA is also pro-space. Again, they need opinions & letters as much as the 'black hats' because the pro-space politicians will see those opinions reach committee!

Not much is known about Proxmire's replacement, SENATOR JAKE GARN FROM Utah, yet. Fans in Utah might call his home office and ask. While you're on the phone, get your feelings officially noted on the opinion poll which every politician keeps.

"Every man who speaks out loud...Every man who expresses what he honestly thinks is changing the Spirit of the Times." ---Elbert Hubbard

THESE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON D.C. RIGHT NOW -- THEY NEED TO KNOW YOUR OPINION EVEN MORE THAN THE PRESIDENT! Call or write:

SENATOR JAKE GARN (Utah)
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on HUD & Independent Agencies, 5121 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Wash. D.C. 20510 (202) 224-5444

SENATOR HARRISON SCHMITT (New Mexico)
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Science, Technology & Space, Room 709-A, Immigration Bldg. Wash. D.C. 20510 (202) 224-5521

REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD P. BOLAND (Mass.)
Chairman, House Subcommittee on HUD & Independent Agencies, 2426 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Wash. D.C. 20515 (202) 225-5601

REPRESENTATIVE DON FUQUA (Florida)
Chairman, House Subcommittee on Space, Science & Applications, Room 2321 Rayburn Bldg. Wash. D.C. 20515 (202) 225-5235

HON. DAVID STOCKMAN, Office of Management & Budget
Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20503

It is important that this man in particular be told we of the Space Constituency support (not necessarily in this order):

Solar Power Satellites (SPS)
Interorbital tug
Halley's Comet Intercept (& other interplanetary probes)
STARBASE ONE: Space Operations Facility
The 5th shuttle

AT A LOSS FOR ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS OF YOUR SENATOR OR CONGRESSMEN? ASK YOUR LIBRARY!

This page will fall out when questionaire is removed, so post it as a reminder to WRITE NOW & keep on writing!

Our space program is dying

For those who want to have specific projects to mention in their letter-writing & telegram-sending campaigns, there are many good efforts mentioned throughout this publication, including the Halley's Comet Intercept (which may more likely be a "fly-by" or even a "fly-through"!), Solar Power Satellites, Starbase One, etc. Here, in a last-minute bit of information, just as we go to press, are some other considerations:

One of the major concerns of the proponents of unmanned space exploration is the very probable loss of projects such as LANDSAT, VOIR & the Centaur upper stage rocket. NASA vitally requires the Centaur for the continuation of the Planetary Program of unmanned space exploration. However, it is worth noting that the restartable liquid fuel Centaur could also lead to the orbital space tugs mentioned elsewhere.

VOIR: The Venus Orbiting Imaging Radar project is one devoted to photographing by radar the surface of Venus through her cloudy cover! There are many places to obtain more information about this project: a free VOIR newsletter is obtainable from Jim Head, Dept. of Geological Sciences, Brown Univ., Providence, R.I. 02912. (Please send an SASE when inquiring)

Support of the LANDSAT system means better utilization of Earth's resources, many of them for "Third World" nations which really need help.

As Senator Harrison Schmitt, among others, points out, if the VOIR, Halley's Comet & other planetary projects even begin to be phased out, people go on to other jobs. It will be difficult to get them back; they will become involved in other projects. The start-up for any space project will be impossible!

Because of this, these projects deserve some attention from people who make budgets & decisions. Because of this, these projects had to be mentioned here, in spite of worries from some areas that too many space programs could "dilute" our letter-writing campaign. But then, perhaps those areas don't understand the many minds of fandom & our abilities to concentrate on a great many things!

The main push is: SAVE THE SPACE PROGRAM! WRITE A LETTER TO PRES. REAGAN BY MARCH 1! TELL CONGRESSMEN ON BUDGET COMMITTEES THERE IS A SPACE CONSTITUENCY!

Then, pick out your favorite project & KEEP WRITING!

CALL YOUR LOCAL RADIO STATION: TALK TO A CALL-IN SHOW! Tell as many people as possible about this campaign; using these suggestions from INSIGHT:

1. When calling in, always tell whoever answers the phone where you're calling from. Long distance calls will probably receive priority.

2. When you get on the air, BE BRIEF AND TO THE POINT. Know exactly what you're talking about. Some talk-show hosts enjoy tripping callers up.

3. Think of ways to direct the show's discussion around the space program. If the host is discussing economy or unemployment, point out how space exploration is helping solve these issues.

4. Never argue with the host. If you feel the talk-show host (or any of the crew) was rude, write to the General Manager of the station & complain. Also, as a CONSUMER, complain to the advertisers!

5. On the other hand, if a talk-show host is agreeable & interested, help suggest guests for future programs. Give him the WRITE NOW! address. (And... write a *nice* letter to the General Manager, etc!)

It is about time we made our voices heard. Use the radio talk-shows to get our message across.

WHY A QUESTIONAIRE?

In the past few months we have gotten letters or calls or organized

In the past months we have had letters, calls & personal inquiries about "organized fandom" from:

...a film industry survey team trying to discover how many SF readers are also SF movie-attendees...

...a Presidential campaign HQ wanting to know if fans vote...

...a book publisher interested in finding if there's a market for translations of foreign SF...

...a Space organization seeking active fan support...

...convention committees needing to know what programming would attract memberships...

...a national TV network, needing 'demographics' on the size & nature of SF & Fantasy fandom...

...a convention bidding committee wanting to know the general geographic locations of fans...

...a foreign filmmaker interested in fan-support of imported SF films & animation...

All of these agencies need a better idea of this free-wheeling amorphous group of individuals known as "fans". Without a clear picture of us, fans remain nothing more than a large group of hobbyists who don't have to be taken seriously. We are (or can be) a FORCE: let's show it!

So far, the impressions gained about fandom come from random places: a chance interview with some opinionated twit at a convention, a talk-show discussion with a local SF author, or from a questionaire such as this. At least with a questionaire, a better overview can be obtained of fandom. So where people get their opinion of fandom depends on YOU.

How you answer (or don't answer) the questions will give some statistics to work with; you may remain anonymous & your answers will still be a valid part of this survey.

Thank you for your time & attention; we appreciate it!

--John Watts & Bjo Trimble

THIS QUESTIONAIRE MAY BE COPIED & CIRCULATED: We'd like to reach as many people as possible. If your newsletter, con or club can use extra copies, let us know & we'll send you as many as you can use.

Results will be tabulated & statistics will be mailed to anyone sending a SASE marked "Megamart Poll"

IF THIS MAILING/QUESTIONAIRE WAS ADDRESSED TO SOMEONE ELSE: Relax! We want to contact anyone! We'd be pleased to add you to the mailing list if you'll send us a postcard &/or fill out the questionaire. This will be the last mailing from us sent to this address unless we do hear from someone!

PLEASE CHECK: IS YOUR MAILING LABEL CORRECT? Now is your chance to up-date our mailing list with corrections on misspellings, addition of apartment #, changing a "St." to an "Ave", etc. We'd like to make a complete listing, & would really appreciate your assistance on this.

DUPLICATE MAILING? Some of our addresses are old; some are to the same person under a name & a nickname or a variant spelling (computers are no good at picking out the ringers!) Please help us by correcting all addresses & names so we can use all that extra postage to reach extra people as they are added to the mailing list! Thank you.

MEGAMART IS NO LONGER BEING PUBLISHED. Publishing a fanzine takes more time, energy & money than the MEGAMART staff has right now, with new jobs, projects & careers. All those with subscriptions outstanding or needing back issues contact John R. Watts at the MEGAMART address. Back issues are available at $5.00 (postpaid) for set of 4, or $1.25 each for #1 & 2; $2.00 each for #3 & 4, while they last.

MAIL THE QUESTIONAIRE TO THE MEGAMART P.O. BOX (which will be kept open another year for this purpose) to keep the mail load off WRITE NOW and EQUICON:FILMCON mail boxes.

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Fan Questionaire ~ we need you!

Return to: MEGAMART, P.O. Box 1248, Inglewood, CA 90308

'TEAR OUT & FILL IN THIS QUESTIONAIRE, PLEASE!

This questionaire is being circulated through Science Fiction & Fantasy fandom, plus other groups. The information will be used for 'demographics' ONLY; none of the answers will ever be used with your name attached. This questionaire is not an attempt to invade your privacy or rights; if you consider any question an invasion of privacy, feel free to (a) leave it blank; (b) write "N/A" (not applicable); or (c) MYOB.

We need honest answers to the questions you do answer, please. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionaire & help give us an 'overview' of active SF fandom!

1. I AM ( )male; ( )female.--I AM ( )single; ( )married; ( )divorced; ( )widowed

2. MY AGE IS: ( )1 - 15; ( )16 - 20; ( )21 - 30; ( )31 -40; ( )41 - 50; ( )51 - 60; ( )61 -70; ( )71 - 80; ( )over 81_____

3. HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION: ( )elementary; ( )jr. high; ( )high school; ( )jr. college; ( )college (degree in:_____; ( )grad school (degree_____ ( )trade school (specialization:_____ OTHER:_____

4. JOB TITLE & OCCUPATION or CAREER DESCRIPTION:

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5. SECONDARY OCCUPATION or CAREER:_____

6. ANNUAL AVERAGE INCOME: ( )no income; ( )$500 - $10,000; ( )$10,001 - $30,000; ( )$30,001 - $50,000; ( )$50,001 - $70,000; ( )$70,001 - $80,000; ( )$80,001 or over; ( )retired; ( )unemployable

7. HOW MANY PEOPLE (including you) RESIDE IN YOUR HOME? ( )1; ( )2; ( )3; ( )4; ( )5; ( )more:#____

8. BIRTHDATE: MONTH_____, DAY_____, YEAR_____ *(This is for a zodiacal study only)*

9. DO YOU OWN A: ( )dog_____;( )cat_____ ( )horse_____;( )bird_____ ( )other pet_____ ( )automobile_____ ( )RV_____;( )boat_____ ( )motorbike or cyble_____ ( )typewriter_____ ( )computer_____ ( )own home; ( )condo; ( )vacation home ( )video recorder_____ ( )camera_____ ( )printing equipment_____

PLEASE LIST TYPE OR BRAND

10. RELIGION:_____ Are you a regular church attendee? ( )no; ( )yes

11. ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? ( )no; ( )yes; ( )under 18

Party:_____

12. DO YOU VOTE REGULARLY ON: ( )local; ( )state; ( )national issues? ( )Presidential only

13. DO YOU FEEL YOU CAN (or do) HAVE AN IMPACT ON YOUR ENVIRONMENT? ( )no; ( )yes; ( )sometimes. HOW?

_____

14. WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR WORLD? *Check as many as apply:* ( )music; ( )art; ( )sports; ( )voting; ( )ecology; ( )conservation; ( )astrology; ( )midwifery; ( )solar energy; ( )nuclear energy; ( )alternate energy; ( )world unification; ( )world issues; ( )humanitarian movements; ( )wholistic health; ( )world health; ( )zero population; ( )society & its ills; ( )society & its advances; ( )womens liberation; ( )gay liberation; ( )childrens equal rights; ( )rights for all; ( )space colonization; ( )interstellar travel; ( )back-to-earth; ( )space industrialization; ( )manned space exploration; ( )unmanned space exploration; ( )family development; ( )contact w/dolphins & others; ( )exploration of this planet; ( )exploration of the mind; ( )advocacy through organizations: WHAT GROUP/S?

_____

OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES:_____ *(Use another sheet of paper if necessary)*

15. DO YOU FEEL MOST SF FANS ARE CONCERNED WITH WORLD ISSUES? ( )no, they are not concerned; ( )yes, they are

16. INTERESTS & HOBBIES NOT SCIENCE-FICTIONAL: *Check as many as apply:* ( )stamps; ( )coins; ( )toys; ( )folk-singing; ( )indoor gardening; ( )outdoor gardening; ( )miniatures; ( )dolls; ( )card-playing; ( )herbs; ( )books; ( )catalogs*; ( )rocks, gems & minerals; ( )heraldry; ( )television: ( )Soaps; ( )police shows; ( )old movies; ( )westerns; other_____ ( )astronomy; ( )unicorns; ( )dragons; ( )owls; ( )shells; ( )paperdolls; ( )group sports; ( )individual sports; ( )photography; ( )art & crafts; (___artisan;___spectator;___entertainer); ( )sewing; ( )myths & folklore; ( )designing clothes; ( )swap meets & garage sales; ( )needle arts:_____ OTHER:_____

(*share addresses please!)

17. MEMBERSHIPS IN NON-SCIENCE FICTION ORGANIZATIONS:
( )Greenpeace
( )Sierra Club
( )Costeau Society
( )Smithsonian Museum
( )Jersey Wildlife Fund
( )Audobon Society
( )L-5 Society
( )any ZOO organization
( )Civil War group/s
( )Mensa
( )Society for Creative Anachronism
( )Friends of the English Regency
OTHER:_____

18. FOOD INTERESTS: *SCALE: 1-dislike; 2-don't care for it; 3-no opinion either way; 4-enjoy; 5-enthusiastic*

( )"junk" foods
( )health foods
( )gourmet eating
( )gourmet cooking
( )coffees
( )teas
( )home brewing
( )vegetarianism
( )collecting cookbooks
( )collecting recipes
( )canning & pickling
( )making jams & jellies
( )drying foods
( )unusual foods: WHAT?
_____
OTHER:_____

19. DO YOU READ ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS? Please rate as follows: *FIRST LINE: 1-never read; 2-only occasionally; 3-read often; 4-purchase regularly; 5-subscribe currently; 6-will keep subscribing SECOND LINE: A-not in my area of interest; B-too in-group; C-of casual interest; D-too expensive; E-too erudite; F-too immature; G-not always available; H-not published regularly or on time or: OTHER*_____

____ANALOG____
____ASIMOV'S SF____
____CINEMAGIC____
____CINEFANTASTIQUE____
____FANTASY (F.A.N.)____
____FANGORIA____
____FANTASY NEWSLETTER____
____FANTASY & SF____
____FAMOUS MONSTERS____
____FUTURE LIFE____
____FILE 770____
____INTERSTAT____
____LOCUS____
____OMNI____
____QUESTAR____
____A PIECE OF THE ACTION____
____STARSHIP____
____STARLOG____
____SF REVIEW____
____SF CHRONICLE____
____THRUST____

OTHER SF PUBLICATIONS:_____

20. WHAT FEATURES ATTRACT YOU TO A SCIENCE FICTION or FANTASY PUBLICATION? *SCALE: 1-dislike; 2-don't care for it; 3-no opinion; 4-enjoy; 5-enthusiastic*

____How-to articles
____Technical articles
____Personal experiences
____How-it-was-done
____Calendar of coming events
____Advocacy
____Controversy
____Layout of publication
____Regular columns
____Letter column
____Science articles
____Short stories
____Advertising
____Editorials
____Novels, novelettes
____Humor writing
____Artwork
____Cartoons
OTHER:_____

21. ARE THERE SUBJECTS YOU FEEL SF WRITERS SHOULD WRITE ABOUT? ( )no; ( )yes: WHAT?_____

22. ARE THERE SUBJECTS SF WRITERS SHOULD NOT TOUCH? ( )no; ( )yes: WHAT?_____

23. DO YOU FEEL THE "AVERAGE" SF FAN IS ( )higher; ( )lower or ( )about the same AS THE AVERAGE "MAN-ON-THE-STREET"?

24. NON-SF or NON-FANTASY PUBLICATIONS YOU ENJOY:_____

_____

25. DO YOU PUBLISH A FANZINE? ( )no; ( )plan to; ( )yes: TITLE:_____ *(May we have a sample copy, please?)*

26. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF SFWA? ( )no; ( )yes

27. OTHER PROFESSIONAL SF or FANTASY ORGANIZATION? (Name/s):

_____

28. MEMBER OF FAN SCIENCE FICTION or FANTASY CLUB? ( )no; ( )yes: Name/s:_____

29. EVER CONTRIBUTE TO FAN FUNDS? ( )TAFF; ( )DUFF; ( )no OTHER_____

NOTE: Please append a sheet of paper for questions #30 - 35. Thank you for your time; among other things, this could help many conventions plan programs, guests, films.

30. PLEASE LIST YOUR 5 FAVORITE SCIENCE FICTION AUTHORS.

31. PLEASE LIST YOUR 5 FAVORITE FANTASY AUTHORS.

32. PLEASE LIST YOUR 5 FAVORITE SF & FANTASY ARTISTS.

33. PLEASE LIST YOUR 5 FAVORITE SCIENCE FICTION MOVIES.

34. PLEASE LIST YOUR 5 FAVORITE FANTASY or HORROR MOVIES.

35. PLEASE LIST 5 FAVORITE TV SHOWS or EPISODES.

36. WHAT IS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF TIMES YOU'VE SEEN A FILM? _____; TITLE:_____

37. HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION OF ANY TYPE? ( )no; ( )yes: Name/s & dates:_____

38. IF YOU'VE NEVER ATTENDED A CONVENTION, WHY NOT? ( )too expensive; ( )too far away; ( )didn't know where to find one; ( )not in my area of interest; ( )too fannish; ( )too media-oriented; ( )not fannish enough; ( )no Big Names; ( )too large; ( )too small; OTHER:_____

39. HAVE YOU EVER TRAVELLED MORE THAN 500 MILES TO ATTEND A CONVENTION? ( )no; ( )yes

40. HAVE YOU FOUND CONVENTIONS THROUGH ( )Calendar of events published in a magazine; ( )in a fanzine; ( )flyer picked up at a con; ( )flyer in the mails; ( )friend; OTHER:_____

41. EVER VOTE FOR A HUGO AWARD? ( )never; ( )yes

42. EVER VOTE FOR OTHER SF AWARDS? ( )no; ( )yes: Name/s:_____

43. ARE THERE AREAS OF SF ACHIEVEMENT IN SF & FANTASY FOR WHICH YOU THINK AWARDS SHOULD BE GIVEN? ( )no; ( )yes: Specify:_____

44. HAVE YOU EVER WORKED ON A CONVENTION? ( )no; ( )yes: In what capacity?_____

45. WHAT DO YOU LIKE or DISLIKE ABOUT SF CONVENTIONS?

LIKE	DISLIKE
( )Meeting other fans & new people.....	( )
( )Dealers' room & other sales.....	( )
( )Art show: ( )as Entrant; ( )as Spectator.....	( )
( )Costume ball/masquerade: ( )as Entrant;	( )Spect... ( )
( )Hall costumes: ( )as Participant; ( )as Spectator.	( )
( )Film programs.....	( )
( )Panels & discussions w/multiple guests.....	( )
( )Individual speakers.....	( )
( )One-on-one meetings with guests.....	( )
( )Trivia contests; ( )Other contests:_____	( )
( )Auction of SF & Fantasy souveniers.....	( )
( )Auction of movie memorabilia.....	( )
( )Art show auction: ( )as Buyer; ( )as Spectator....	( )
( )Awards ceremonies.....	( )
( )Celebrity banquets*; ( )Convention banquets.....	( )
( )Celebrity food functions: lunches or breakfasts.....	( )
( )Voting on awards; ( )Voting on convention sites**.	( )
( )Filksons: ( )programmed; ( )evening sessions.....	( )
( )Other music: WHAT_____	( )
( )Computers, electronic games.....	( )
( )Fashion show: ( )Design/modeling; ( )Spectator....	( )
( )Blood drive.....	( )
( )Other charity drives.....	( )
( )Programming about NASA or other space efforts.....	( )
( )Daily convention newsletter.....	( )
( )Sciences programming.....	( )
( )Business meeting**.....	( )
( )Special interest programming.....	( )

( )UFOs; ( )Pern; ( )psychic phenomena; Star Trek; ( )Star Wars; ( )Sword & Sorcery; ( )Dr. Who; ( )Tolkien; ( )Darkover; ( )Deryni; ( )Avengers; ( )ERB; ( )Hyborian Legion; ( )Dark Shadows; ( )Regency; ( )Prisoner; ( )SCA: ( )Dorsai; ( )poetry; ( )CF/O; ( )Games; ( )workshops;

OTHER:_____

( )Special meetings on any of the above subjects.....( )

( )GUESTS: ( )SF Authors; ( )Fantasy authors; ( )Artists; ( )Cartoonists; ( )Film & TV actors; ( )Film industry craftspeople; ( )Film & TV writers; ( )Space agency people; ( )Experts in any field; ( )Big Name Fans; ( )Interesting people; OTHER_____

*CELEBRITY BANQUET: The guest joins fans at a table, instead of a Main Speakers Table at the end of the room.

**VOTING ON CONVENTION SITES: Only for traditional SF cons, not 'proprietory' ones. Selecting future Worldcon sites is very important; exercise YOUR right to vote!

46. ARE THERE OTHER THINGS YOU'D LIKE TO SEE AT ANY TYPE OF CONVENTION? ( )no, everything is fine; ( )yes: I'd like to see:_____

47. DO YOU BUY ANYTHING FROM CONVENTION DEALERS' TABLES? ( )never; ( )sometimes; ( )frequently; ( )always
I USUALLY LOOK FOR: ( )art books; ( )new paperbacks; ( )old paperbacks; ( )new hardcovers; ( )old hardcovers; ( )records; ( )cassettes; ( )video cassettes; ( )original artwork; ( )prints; ( )posters; ( )buttons; ( )stationery/postcards; ( )jewelry; ( )sculpture; ( )photographs; ( )slides & filmclips; ( )movies; ( )holograms; ( )comics; ( )new magazines; ( )old magazines; ( )fanzines; ( )models &/or kits; ( )props; ( )costumes; ( )computers/games; ( )humorous items; OTHER:_____

48. SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY INTERESTS: *Check as many as apply:*

HOBBY	CAREER OR PLANNED JOB
( )Science fiction literature	( )
( )Fantasy/gothic literature	( )
( )Fantasy/sword & sorcery literature	( )
( )Comicbook art &/or writing	( )
( )Childrens' fantasy: writing( ): art	( )
( )SF Nostalgia & retrospective	( )
( )SF media: film, TV:	
( )writing, scripting	( )
( )filmmaking, producing, directing	( )
( )special effects	( )
( )models, prop-making, miniatures	( )
( )costume design, execution	( )
( )acting	( )
OTHER:_____	
( )Board & role-playing games	( )
( )Costuming	( )
( )Collecting art( )	
( )Collecting books	( )
OTHER:_____	

49. ABOUT THE MAILING LIST: I ( )do; ( )do not with to remain on the mailing list.

IF YOU DO NOT FILL OUT THE ADDRESS SECTION, AT LEAST INDICATE WHAT AREA YOU LIVE IN, PLEASE: IT IS IMPORTANT.

( )Eastern U.S.; ( )New England; ( )Southern states; ( )West; ( )Northwest; ( )Southwest; ( )Midwest; ( )Canada; ( )Other:_____

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PLEASE GIVE US A MIDDLE NAME! Our old mailing list has so many Janet Smiths, Randy Scotts & David McDonalds (or Mac-) we never know if you are all different people or the same ones with several changes of address! A middle name or at least an initial can help solve our problem, plus save postage on duplicate mailings. Please help us "clean" our mailing list!

IMPORTANT -- READ THIS INFORMATION!

By giving your name & address on this questionaire, it will become part of the Trimble's new mailing list. This list will NOT be sold or given away. It will be used for mailings of interesting info (convention dates, Space Program info, etc) which we think you'd like to have.

If you wish this questionaire to be anonymous, but also wish to be on the mailing list, please send a postcard with your full name & address PRINTED & leave the address section of the questionaire blank.

ANYTHING MORE TO SAY? Feel free to comment on an extra page or two (or more) about any subject covered in this questionaire or anything you feel we've missed.

DEADLINE: January 1, 1982

TEAR OUT & SEND THIS QUESTIONAIRE BACK TO US

Why Space?

SOME SELECTED SPACE BENEFITS: the following is a list of the "spin-off" benefits from NASA Research & Technology. This listing EXCLUDES benefits from Funded Programs (communications, meteorological & Earth observation satellites, aeronautical & energy research) & many others. Detailed info can be obtained from Code KT, Technology Utilization Office, NASA Hq, Washington, D.C. 20546.

Remember while people are screaming about the high cost of going into space: each dollar invested has returned $14 to the economy over 10 year period through increased productivity alone. THE MONEY DOES NOT GO TO SPACE: IT STAYS RIGHT HERE on Earth in salaries, funds, investments & incredibly useful "spin-offs" which in one way or another probably account for you or one of your family being alive today!

EDUCATION

Curriculum supplements in math, physics, chemistry, space sciences & biology, physical sciences
Soldering school for electronic components
Planetary celestial globe
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Methods for using optical instruments
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Optical alignment training manual
Sanitary techniques in food processing
Hazardous materials safety handbook
Reading instrument for the blind

BUT..THAT'S TECHNOLOGY & TECHNOLOGY IS EVIL.....

"[This is usually] said by a young person wearing a thin wristwatch & polyester imitations of honest blue denim, driving a Mercedes & feeling committed because he hasn't eaten table grapes for weeks."

---Jerry Pournelle,
A STEP FARTHER OUT

TRANSPORTATION

Highway grooving, airport runway grooving (reduces accidents on wet highways)
Apollo guidance computer software (controls traffic lights)
NASA structural analysis program (used by auto companies & railroads to design cars)
Saturn 1/1B system development breadboard facility (develops car & truck testing)
Combustion analysis computer program
Statistical procedures to analyze noise test data from auto steering systems
Tires for Apollo 14 Mobile Equipment Transporter (new auto snow tires)
Ultrasonic nondestructive testing techniques (detects flaws in railroad tracks)
Apollo guidance computer (control of switch movements in railroads)
Dynamic & static modeling techniques (used to develop railroad hopper techniques)
Videotape storage & retrieval system
Arc Suppression techniques evaluation (used in rapid transit switch control products)
Ligquid penetration nondestructive testing training manual
Inertial navigations equipment for Apollo & Lunar module (used in commercial aircraft)
Apollor guidance computer (used in travel industry, credit card checking, airline tickets, etc)
Friction characteristics of graphite & graphite-metal (used in R&D for aircraft brakes)
Inflatable/nontippable life raft for recovery of astronauts (now available to the public)
Cooling system for astronauts space suits (adapted for galley refrigeration system in airlines)

PETROLEUM & GAS

Heat pipe technology
Infrared scanner & TV display (used for maintenance & inspections at plants & refineries)
Hot tapping method for pipes (leak repair)
Multiplexer curcuit for Saturn rocket (used for remote data acquisition & field control)
Apollo guidance computer software (adapted for control systems in over 3 dozen oil companies)
Reliability & quality assurance methods
Cryogenic transfer system cooldown for nuclear rocket engine (used in pipe system design)
Nondestructive testing training manuals
Lubrication handbook
Combustion analysis computer
Systems safety technology
Computer program translating guide

FOOD PRODUCTION & PROCESSING

Weather satellite imagery (charts for commercial fishermen)
Compressed/Freeze-dried food
Electronic strain cage (used by meat packers for beef carcasses; by cattle growers)
Fracture toughness tests (used to select steel for tractors & implements)
Precipitation-hardened steel alloy for Apollo Command Module (used for ran-jet wind machine for frost-protection of orchards)
Clean room technology (developed by Pillsbury; used to train FDA inspectors)
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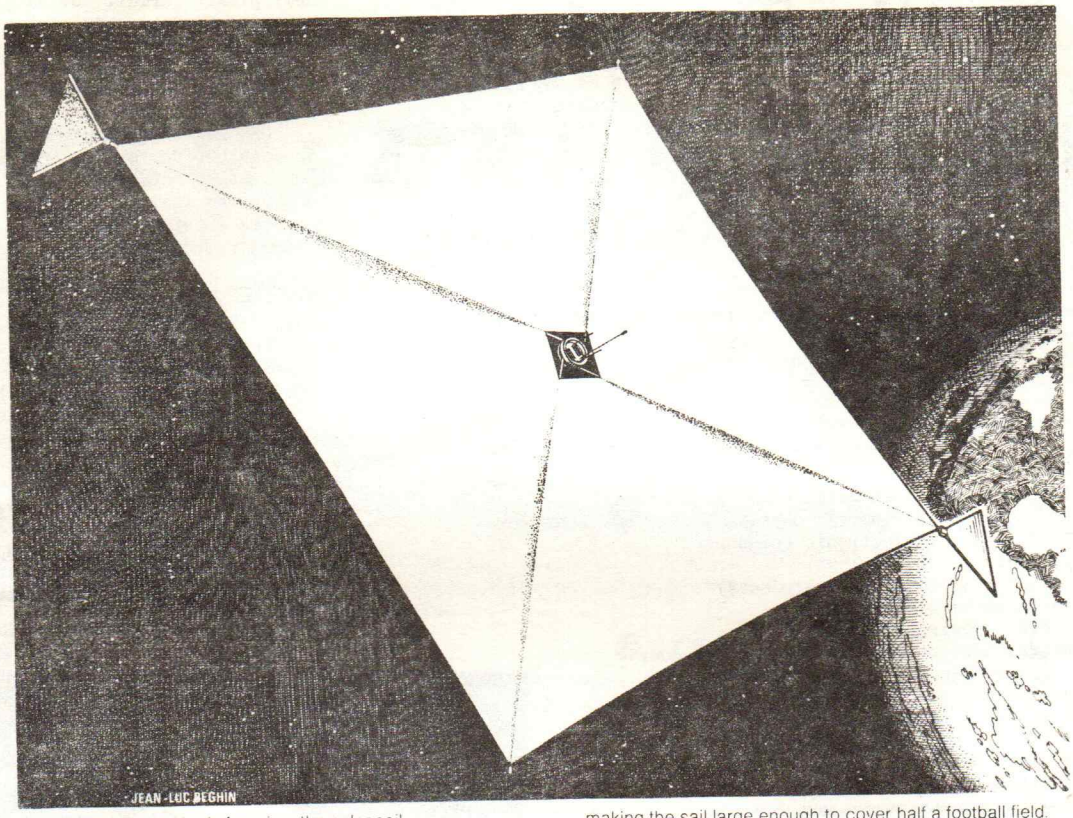

High in orbit above North America, the solar sail Engineering Development Mission proceeds to ever-higher orbits. Propelled by the faint pressure of sunlight on its gossamer-thin aluminized plastic surface, the solar sail maintains its programmed attitude toward the Sun with triangular tip vanes. Each side is 47 meters (155 feet) long, making the sail large enough to cover half a football field. Solar pressure is exerted by reflected photons of electromagnetic radiation; less than one thousandth of the force on a sail results from high velocity particles in the solar wind.
Artist: Jean-Luc Beghin

WORLD SPACE FOUNDATION

"All who will to the stars and beyond ..."

Every science fiction fan dreams of making space travel a reality. Yet over the last decade political restraints have severely diminished spending for civilian space exploration & research, and seems bent on keeping us planet-bound. Current trends in the U.S. government suggest this reduced spending will continue UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, NOW! One way to fight this trend is to put pressure on the political bodies which make the financial decisions for this country: SPEAK UP FOR SPACE! Science fiction fans are beginning to realize their power in making the space program a reality for the future; they are beginning to react. This is all to the good, but there is still another way to bypass delaying tactics by overpaid politicians & personally reach out for space.....

Science fiction authors postulated the idea of private enterprise in space free of government restrictions; Robert Heinlein made heros of the fiercely independent space explorers unfettered by antiquated thinking. Yet because our government seems to have a copyright on space exploration & research, we have stood by quietly to watch too-expensive space flights fouled up by political interference. It's time now to stop reading about independent people who stand on their own feet without government sanction; it's time to support a movement which will get mankind into space NOW via private enterprise.

The World Space Foundation, an independent, non-profit & non-political organization, is actively seeking members within the science fiction community; fans who will contribute more than money (which is needed) but with feedback on future projects & ideas. Using funds from grants, investments & member contributions, the World Space Foundation is growing into an organization which will stay on good terms with all nations, religions & creeds by remaining neutral to politics. In this manner, anyone can contribute to the opening of the space frontier without political hinderance or the uncertainties of political budgets. The World Space Foundation feels that millions of people seek opportunities for greater participation in space activities but it is not presently possible for individuals to do so. These people should number worldwide great enough to sponsor their own major space projects with only small contributions from each member. This group of far-thinking people is looking at immediate plans to put a solar sail into orbit to begin collecting data on the feasibility of using such an idea for future energy as well as asteroid exploration. Future plans include space programs involving Lunar materials processing, closed-loop life support, asteroid research & the solar sail project.

If solar sails were to be built by the U.S. government, it will cost at least $100 million. The U.S. originally planned solar sail development to take 6 years, but plans were dropped in 1977 because of tight budgets & in-fighting with other programs.

If solar sails were to be built by the U.S. government, it will cost at least $100 million, constructed under governmental restrictions, middle-men, delays, overly-cautious re-testing & outmoded regulations. The U.S. originally planned solar sail development to take 6 years, but plans were dropped in 1977 because of tight budgets & in-fighting with other programs. A solar sail built & operated by the World Space Foundation will cost approximately $one million, & can be in operation by 1984; the difference is between gov't

spending habits & independent business practices. WE CAN DO IT! And we can do it without waste, without delays, without interference from political busybodies who are working only for votes "back home."

If you'd like to know more about solar sailing & the exciting concept of deployment dynamics, send for a tidy little brochure on the "WORLD SPACE FOUNDATION SOLAR SAIL PROJECT" which tells in plain language what is going on, what is planned & how you can be a part of this adventure into space! The World Space Foundation has several brochures to send out; please remember this is a non-profit organization, so send along a few stamps to help cover postage.

To accomplish its goal of reaching independently into space, the World Space Foundation is accepting memberships: $25.00 brings the subscriber a set of 5 images of the Voyager encounters; $50.00 membership recieves a hardcover NASA book, "Apollo Expeditions To the Moon"; $100.00 contributions will get all these goodies plus a recognition as Century Founder of the World Space Foundation, plus having your own signature in microfilm aboard the first spacecraft sponsored by the World Space Foundation! Checks should be made payable to: THE WORLD SPACE FOUNDATION.

"The experience of the past leaves little doubt that every economic system must sooner or later rely upon some form of the profit motive to stir individuals & groups to productivity. Substitutes like slavery, police supervision, or ideological enthusiasm prove too unproductive, too expensive, or too transient. Normally & generally, men are judged by their ability to produce."

---Will & Ariel Durant,
THE LESSONS OF HISTORY

If you can help pass the word about the World Space Foundation, they will send material to hand out to classes, clubs, friends & interested bystanders. Help tell the world about an independent organization which is not trying to ride in on the government's coat-tails. Help support this World Space Foundation with your money, time & expertise.

The President of the World Space Foundation says, "Our first probing glances into space...have been tantalizing. We [are] standing on the threshold of a vast frontier. Goals of the World Space Foundation include advancing the rate of space exploration, development & utilization...This venture, with your support, can result in a very important step forward in the crucial technology of space transportation.

"There are things to be done. The end is not merely to survey & recognize the various things, but rather to do them."

---Aristotle

"We are truly fortunate to be alive during this landmark period...Let us not miss this opportunity to keep ourselves peacefully on the...frontier. If it is to be done, we must & can, do it ourselves. To wait for 'someone else' would be a great tragedy... Taking proper action will guarantee rich & unimagined rewards...Will we follow this concept...to its logical next step by extending our reach further into the cosmos? Or shall we ignore our new knowledge...? Your own initiative is worth immeasurably more than any number of 'someone elses.' Will you join us? Welcome!" (Robert Staehle, Aerospace Engineer, President, World Space Foundation)

So stop being that 'someone else' waiting for something to happen! Help the World Space Foundation to build a strong independent civilian space program to open to space frontiers for mankind! Help this organization provide the mechanism to focus funding from all private sectors into space exploration for us all.

Imagine your name spinning around Earth on the silvery vanes of a Solar Sail, or winging into the asteroid belt! Tell that around the cave campfire to your children's children!

---Bjo Trimble

"Another brick in the house of the future -- this is where many science fiction fans are going to be: out on these moons, living & working there. We've now extended our reach a billion miles [with Voyager] & this is just a start! I can only repeat what the late Dr. Willy Ley said, 'The exploration of space will go on forever & ever!' "

---G. Harry Stine

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Other subscribers may purchase Project T-Shirts at a discount (see enclosure).

Subscribers to the Solar Sail Project can purchase a handsome Solar Sail T-shirt for $5.00 (non-subscribers: $7.00).

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VIKING

THE VIKING FUND MADE IT!

Stan Kent & his staff of volunteers had faith that the American public wants a space program, so they went to the people, asking for money to support the Viking Lander mission. The result, in a little less than 1 year is over $80,000 to present to NASA on Jan. 7 at the National Air & Space Museum, Washington, D.C.!

The people did this, from the bake sale by Star Trek fans to Martian Metals which donated 10% of their summer sales to the many individuals who sent $1.00 to $1000.00, to fund the processing of information from the Viking Lander on Mars. See what can happen when interested, involved people get together?

CONGRATULATIONS, VIKING FUND!

"I don't mind sending $10 for Viking, but if you wanted to fund a return to Mars with robots or people, then I'd sell everything I owned to help pay for it!"

This quote, paraphrased over & over in Viking Fund contributor's letters, decided the organizers to host (with several other agencies & study groups) a 4-day conference on future expeditions to Mars, at the Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, CO. Attendance will be limited to 150 people on some days, to ensure maximum interaction, other days it will be open to 1000+. Total fees for the workshops will be about $30. For details write: DELTA VEE, Inc., 357 Saratoga Ave, Santa Clara, CA 95051 or call (408) 243-1600.

"Financing voyages of exploration was once reserved for royalty -- now you can do it too!"

The Viking Fund is limited to Viking Lander missions & incapable by charter of taking on other projects. So a new non-profit educational research space organization has been created to study private space missions through public subscriptions. This is DELTA VEE, Inc. One of their ideas is to promote a class of supporters called "Delta Vee Ferdinand & Isabella Project Supporters" who, with a minimum contribution of $15.00 can be part of deciding what Delta Vee's goals will be. And the most constructive suggestion will win the author a guest pass to the first launch of the space shuttle (ask Delta Vee for more details).

"What I see happening is that our biggest resource is the grass-roots community....The people doing this aren't the aerospace industries, it's the interested man & woman on the street."

"If you've spent your dollars to see the exciting fantasies of "STAR WARS" & "STAR TREK" then why not contribute to the exciting reality of exploring Mars? ...By investing in a little reality today, someday those grand visions in the movies may just come true!"

--Stan Kent, THE VIKING FUND

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The working Press will deny, with hurt reactions, that they 'ignore' important space events. However, here is a list of the headlines on page 1 of the Los Angeles Times, Thursday, January 8, 1981:

IN MASSACHUSETTS: PROP 2½ -- CUT IS QUICK TO HIT HOME; REAGAN WANTS NEW, DEEPER SPENDING CUTS; WATT VOWS TO BE VIGOROUS STEWARD OF FEDERAL LANDS; EFFORT TO OUST CHINA'S HUA STIRS RESISTANCE; U.S. ENVOY TAKING REPLIES TO ALGERIA; DECEMBER AUTO SALES DOWN 18%--ONLY CHRYSLER GAINS; UNION ORDERS POLES TO TAKE SATURDAY OFF; ALGERIANS TRYING TO AVOID POWER STRUGGLE IN TEHRAN; MARKET PLUMMETS IN RECORD SELLOUT

And on page 4: SPACE BUFFS FINANCE NASA's MARTIAN CHRONICLES, with an Associated Press news release about the Viking Fund presentation of a $60,000 check to Dr. Robert Frosch, administrator of NASA.

This massive effort of the American public to support their own space program was not worth front page notice, but Saturday off for Polish workers is of more importance? Two articles on Algerians, but nothing on positive action taken by Americans?

I rest my case. ---Bjo Trimble

SPACE BENEFITS: cont. from p. 11

Apollo management control room (used to design management control rooms for other projects)
Space simulation chamber (restores water-damaged records with heating/freezing methods)
Fireman's breather apparatus
Flammability tests
Scientific & technical information management (primary storing & retrieving systems used by law enforcement, Nat'l Criminal Justice Refernce Service.
Videotape storage & retrieveal system (see above)
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Safety yoke for construction workers
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Dry lubricant coating processes
Intumescent fire retardant coatings (used to coat fuel hoses)
Ultrasonic nondestructive testing techniques (used for quality control in steel, railroads, aircraft & auto industries)
Surface finishing method for nickel alloys
Fluidid controls (control automatic metalworking)
Lubricant deposition process (used in vacuum cleaners, among many other things)
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Fuel cell technology (NASA needs have spurred private research into fuel cell development)
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Deployable lattice column (used for stage light supports, portable power plants, etc)
Linear shaped explosive charge (used in controlled removal of buildings, etc)
Mass flowmeters for low gas flow
Technique for reducing noice in radio amplifiers
Apollo program management techniques
Spun metal fibers for web filters
Heat pipe technology (increases heat efficiency, recovers waste heat)
Rogallo airfoil design (used as basis of hang gliders)
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Mercury-zinc battery technology (pacemakers)
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Hand physiotherapy device
Electromechanical simulator modules
Horizontal shower (for bed patients)
Portable laminar airflow surgical clean room
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Voice-controlled wheelchair with artificial arm & hand
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Cardiac care systems for emergency rescue vehicles

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Hazardous gas analyzer
Coal desulfurization Process
Contamination prevention handbook
Remote sensing of air pollutants (used worldwide)
Computerized image enhancement (measures quality of water in inland lakes & streams)
Fan noise reduction method (used to design inexpensive acoustic panels)
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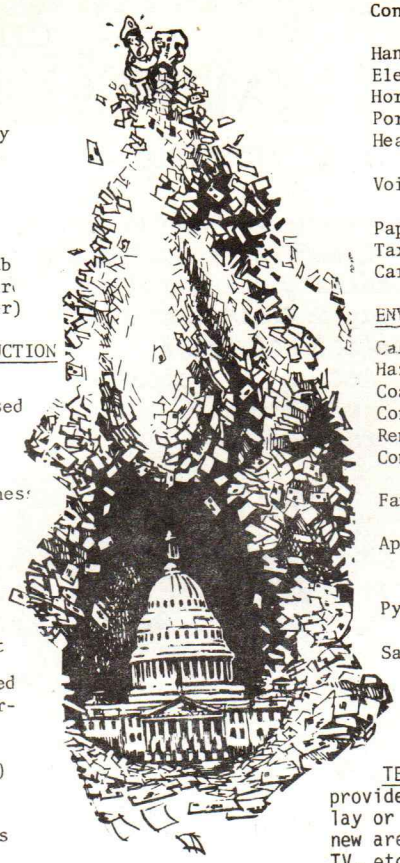

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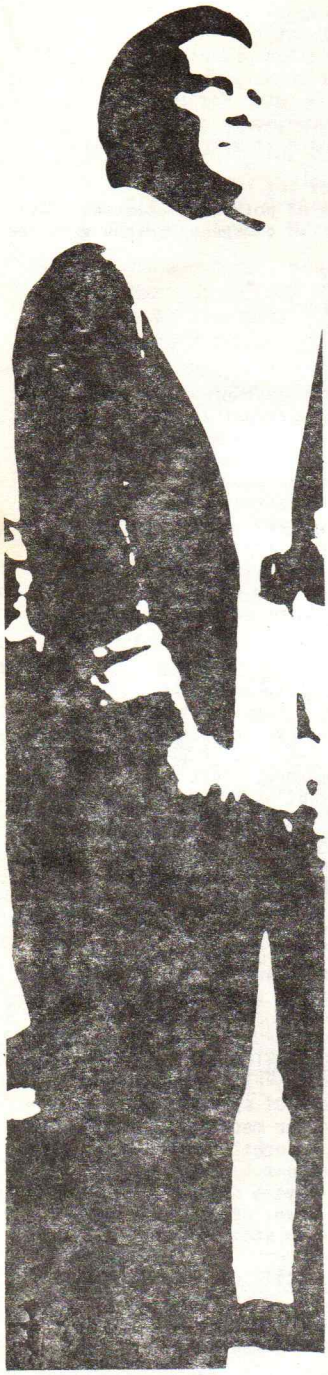

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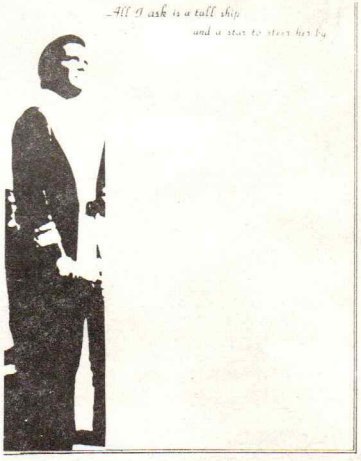

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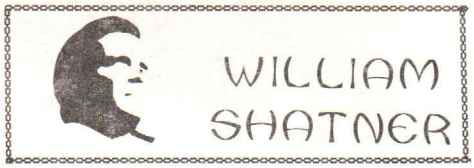

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---Theodore Sturgeon, in an interview for FUTURE LIFE Magazine, (Feb. 1980)

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STAR TREK NEWS: Paramount has no immediate plans to re-edit ST:TMP or make a new movie (as of this writing) & is still only <u>talking</u> about every-few-months 2-hr. TV movie. Gene Roddenberry is at Columbia Studios on a new non-SF TV project. Paramount is getting really upset about fans writing in & blaming GR or Susan Sackett of trying a "save ST" write-in campaign. Paramount now sends all the ST mail to GR's office; it is not being counted. So the <u>word</u> is: hold off for awhile, let all the hassling quiet down & see what the future holds.

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Our mailing list is constantly being supplimented with other's lists: conventions, groups, Xmas card lists--we NEVER sell this list. WRITE NOW can be most effective if we can reach many more people; if you can help spread the word in any way, please contact us.

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